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At a meeting held in the Gras KPOs Landesleitung on 12 July 1955, and attended by Heribert Huetter, KPOs provincial chairman, Styria, Professor Dr. Josef Dobretsberger, leader of the Demokratische Union (DU), Dr. Alois Weiss, functionary of the DU, Otto Moser, functionary of the DU, and Professor Dr. Josef Hanselmayer, Communist city council member, the following was announced:

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- a. The Austrian Communists would in future be divided into three groups at an early date. The first, under the leadership of Erwin Scharf, would concern itself with former USIA workers and would attempt the penetration of the working classes; the second, under the leadership of Professor Josef Dobretsberger, would be responsible for 'intellectual' voters; the third, the hard core (Kernpartei), under the leadership of Johann Koplensig and his central committee colleagues, would be run with particular emphasis on securing 'politically agile forces' (politisch agile Kräfte).
- b. A liaison committee would be set up to maintain contact between the various Communist groups and also to prevent the isolation of Communist parliamentarians from their supporters.

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